

## Alaska WFDSS Fire Behavior Analyses: Process for Requesting and Assigning Analysts

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The following describes the process Alaska fire managers should use to request a WFDSS fire behavior analysis. Fire managers should follow these procedures to request an analysis in lieu of submitting a fire behavior request within the WFDSS system.

Alaska analysts contact information, by agency, can be found in Table 1. WFDSS analysts will typically work remotely from their duty stations. However, if needed, some may travel to the incident or other location (AICC) to assist with multiple fires.

Options for requesting an analysis:

1. Protecting or Jurisdictional Agency fire managers can directly contact an analyst who is familiar with their area. The analyst will then contact the analyst coordinator at AICC to inform them that the assignment has been accepted (907-356-5673). If the analyst coordinator is not available, the AICC Deputy Center Manager or designee will serve as the secondary analyst coordinator (907-356-5680).

OR

2. Protecting or Jurisdictional Agency fire managers can request an analyst through the analyst coordinator at AICC (907-356-5673). If the analyst coordinator is not available, the AICC Deputy Center Manager or designee will serve as the secondary coordinator (907-356-5680). The analyst coordinator will go through the list of Alaska analysts in Table 1. Once an assignment is accepted, the assigned resource will contact the requestor for additional information about the fire. A [form](#) detailing information useful for WFDSS analyses is available on the AICC website in the Agency Administrator's Guide section.

Table 1. Alaska WFDSS analysts by agency

Agency	Name	Email	Cell Phone
BIA	Chris Friar	<a href="mailto:christopher.friar@bia.gov">christopher.friar@bia.gov</a>	907-456-0291
BIA	Tom St. Clair	<a href="mailto:thomas.stclair@bia.gov">thomas.stclair@bia.gov</a>	907-209-0105
BLM-AFS	Casey Boespflug*	<a href="mailto:cboespflug@blm.gov">cboespflug@blm.gov</a>	907-482-0055
FWS	Lisa Saperstein	<a href="mailto:lisa_saperstein@fws.gov">lisa_saperstein@fws.gov</a>	907-202-2732
FWS	Peter Butteri*	<a href="mailto:peter_butteri@fws.gov">peter_butteri@fws.gov</a>	907-350-4782
FWS	Dale Woitas*	<a href="mailto:dale_woitas@fws.gov">dale_woitas@fws.gov</a>	605-440-1250
NPS	Jennifer Barnes	<a href="mailto:jennifer_barnes@nps.gov">jennifer_barnes@nps.gov</a>	907-244-9073
NPS	Chris Moore	<a href="mailto:christopher_moore@nps.gov">christopher_moore@nps.gov</a>	907-482-0161
NPS	Brian Sorbel	<a href="mailto:brian_sorbel@nps.gov">brian_sorbel@nps.gov</a>	907-244-9054
NPS	Keith Mitchell*	<a href="mailto:keith_mitchell@nps.gov">keith_mitchell@nps.gov</a>	907-242-4555
USFS	Eric Morgan	<a href="mailto:eric.morgan@usda.gov">eric.morgan@usda.gov</a>	208-290-6020

\*Mentee analyst

If none of the Alaska analysts in Table 1 are available, the analyst coordinator will refer the analysis request to the Wildland Fire Management Research, Development and Application group (WFM RD&A): 208-387-5253.

If the assigned analyst needs to be on a resource order, the Protecting Agency for the unit requesting the analysis will submit the request into IROC through their Zone/Area/Forest dispatch center. The 2023 Alaska Statewide Annual Operating Plan provides the following guidance for virtual incident assignments:

Employees performing virtual incident assignments (e.g., off-site Fire Behavior Analyst or other positions) will be ordered through the standard dispatch ordering system. A charge code will be provided on the resource order. Employees ordered to support multiple incidents or to work with a Decision Support Center (DSC) will be provided multiple incident charge codes or a fire support code by the ordering unit or incident supervisor. Conditions of a virtual work assignment will be documented on the resource order (e.g., supporting multiple incidents, hours of availability [as needed, weekends, etc.]).